

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~H-0026~~ CH-810

Address: 504 Kent Avenue, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Robertson, Michael D and Anne L

Tax Parcel Number: 46 Tax Map Number: 109

Project	MD 301	Agency	State Highway Administration (SHA)
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Site visit by SHA Staff: X no yes Name: Date:

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

504 Kent Avenue is a one-and-one-half-story, wood frame dwelling. The house is three-bays wide and has a side gable roof. A central entrance is located between a front projecting bay and a partial-width porch, which are both covered by a shed roof. The shed roof of the porch extends from below a centrally located shed roof dormer.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date 1/1

Reviewer, NR Program _____ Date _____

Date 1/1/2019

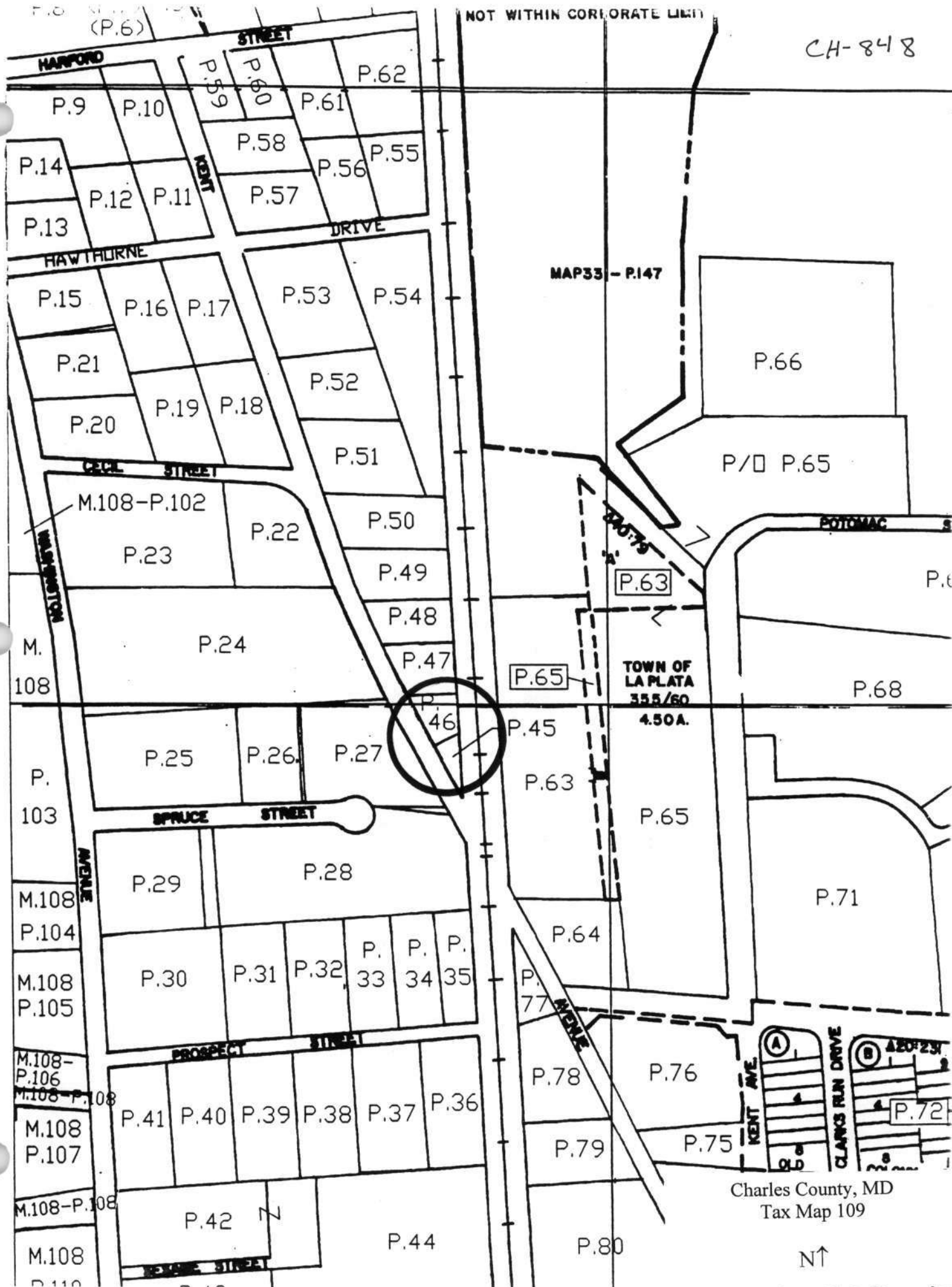
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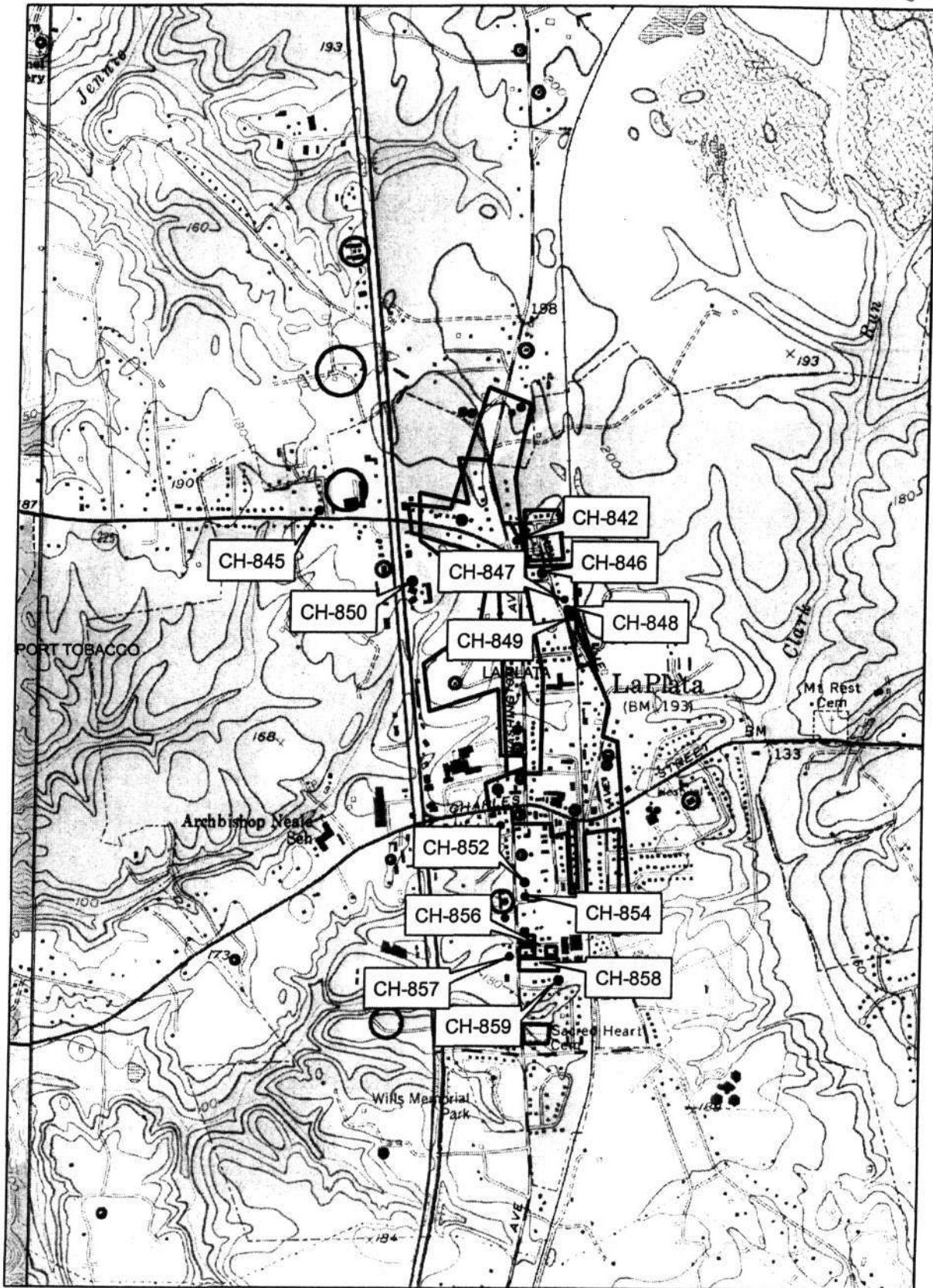
the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1935, this vernacular house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential development within La Plata, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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View of West Elevation

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